

LACE THREADS

News of the Pittsburgh Lace Group - Fall 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi, Pittsburgh Lace Group,

It has been ages since I have written one of these letters. I promised Joanie I would write articles about everything I could, so she would have less to do for the newsletter since school keeps her more than busy and I am extremely grateful that she has taken over the newsletter. The purpose of these letters has always been to encourage your lace making and your attendance. Also to brag about the good things the Lace Group has done and to remind us about what we already know. Please this time, read the headlines and make a point of seeing the schedule of events or cancellations that is included.

You already know that if the weather is threatening we "sunshine soldiers" will not venture onto the icy parking lot, so if you have doubts please call me. We are becoming too grown-up to risk falling on the ice. Instead stay home and make lace in the warmth. We have new people who are making great progress and who have forced me to remind myself about techniques that I haven't used in a while. If you haven't met Jodie, Cynthia and Sandy yet, they are pretty faithful on Thursday nights. We hope you will come and play.

Amy Gibbons

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*****RECENT PLG HAPPENINGS*****

DEWI WONG FEATURED IN SHOW

Our longtime member and mage Dewi Wong was recently featured in a Facebook posting by the International Organization of Lace. Dewi created two lovely pieces of bobbin lace for a show held this past August entitled "Blue." Below are pictures of our lovely Dewi and her gorgeous creations. (Pictures courtesy of IOLI)



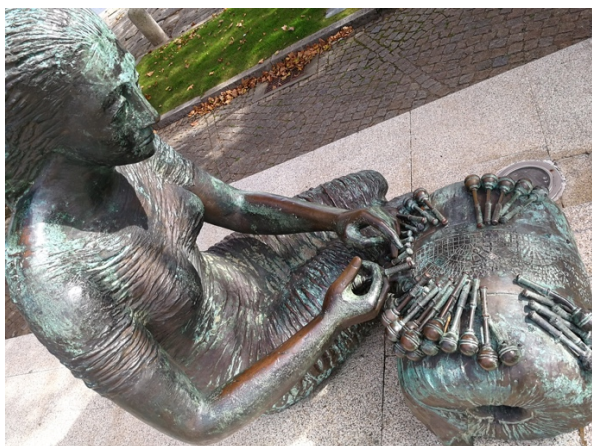
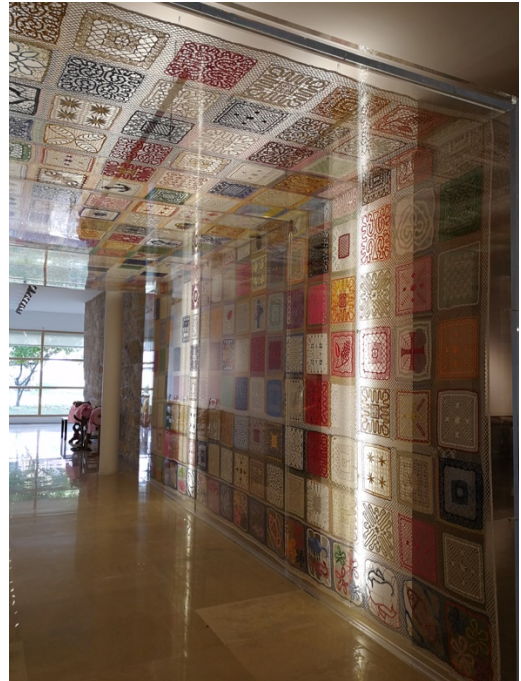
FALL LACE KNITTING WORKSHOP – September 15-17, 2017

Edye Van Dyke joined us to present a workshop on a knitted sampler based on the book *Knitting Lace: A Workshop with Patterns and Projects*, by Susanna E. Lewis. The book describes a 19th century knitted sampler and includes 92 patterns, with both written and charted directions. Edye allowed us to choose which patterns we wanted to work and offered assistance when we got bogged down. On Friday night, she explained to us how charts work and helped some of us to use that information during the weekend. It was lovely to see Kathy Timmons from Maryland again. If you have questions, ask anyone who was there how much they enjoyed the weekend.



A VISIT TO BEAUTIFUL PORTUGAL

Sandy Faulk had the opportunity to visit Portugal this summer, and has shared these inspiring photos from her trip to Vila do Conde. This village boasts the largest piece of lace ever made, a portion of which Sandy photographed for us. Thanks, Sandy!



ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY – HEINZ HISTORY CENTER – October 1, 2017

The first day of October is generally considered “Make Lace in Public” Day, but October first of this year marked the second Italian Heritage Day at Pittsburgh’s own Smithsonian location, the Senator John Heinz History Center. Caroline and Joanie had a festive time demonstrating bobbin lacemaking and interacting with Pittsburgh’s Italian-Americans (and those who considered themselves Italian for the day). There were other craft and game demonstrations, live music and dancing, history presentations, and lots and lots of food. Those who stopped at our table asked some excellent questions, and hardly anyone confused us with tatters.

Era una bella giornata per fare i merletti!



*****UPCOMING EVENTS*****

PLG CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, December 30, 2017 -- 2:00 p.m.

Esther Loprieno has once again agreed to host the PLG's Christmas party. Her address is 42 Dolly Avenue, Jeanette, PA 15655 (phone number 724 744 3423). It will be the Saturday between Christmas and New Year's (December 30th) starting at 2:00. The party has always been a lot of fun. Bring a covered dish to share. There are no assignments as to what to bring. I have always dreamed that someday everyone will just bring desserts, but it doesn't happen. The food is exceptionally good. We exchange gifts, which are amazing in their variety. After all that the table is cleared for "the game." Please bring some white elephants, and some nice things. Truly a case of "one man's trash...." The things we bring will be put on a table and cards will be dealt. After the cards are dealt, the fun begins. We laugh as we steal things back and forth from each other until the deck is used up. All significant others are welcome. We usually wind up about 6:30 or 7:00, but that is just so that your family won't expect you home early. There is no fixed end time--just when we are done. The snow date is the following Saturday probably. Cancellation is up to Esther. Come frolic with us!

*****UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS*****

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE -- Sunday, December 3, 2017 – Noon to 4:00 NATIONALITY ROOMS at UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

One of our favorite seasons is approaching! For the Nationality Rooms Holiday Open House at the Cathedral of Learning we will be in the Croghan-Schenley Room. The hours are from noon to 4:00 p.m., but you can arrive any time after 11:30 and stay as long as you are able. If you can, please come early to help set up our lace Christmas tree and Nativity set. This event has been a tradition with the Lace Group for many years. There is a long table for our pillows, excellent lighting, and plenty of interested people with questions. The temperature varies from year to year; your best bet is to dress in layers. There will be opportunities to visit other rooms, as well as to shop. Hopefully we will get to see our friend Jan Letowski, who has brought beautiful lace for us to see on Friday nights before some workshops. Let Dewi or Joanie know if you are coming by emailing at

pittsburghlacegroup@gmail.com. Once the Open House is over, we will dismantle the tree and then set it up at the Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church the following Thursday.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY CLUB DEMO/LECTURE -- December 11, 2017 – 7PM
Trinity Towers Methodist Church 6729 Saltsburg Road, Penn Hills

Rosedale Community Club 7:00 p.m. 6729 Saltsburg Road at Trinity Towers Methodist Church across from 3 Lakes Golf Course. There will be about 10 or 15 women there. Bring your lace pillows and any completed lace that you would like to share. Our presentation will be followed by a brief meeting and refreshments. Let Amy know if you will be participating.

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF PITTSBURGH – March 24, 2018 – 1:00 PM—
Northland Public Library

The Embroiderers' Guild of Pittsburgh has invited us to do a presentation for them at the Northland Public Library. The library is in McCandless Township and is located at 300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. We will be doing our usual lecture/demonstration. Please bring a lace pillow and any completed projects that you are proud of and would like to share with this group of textile-loving people. Let Joanie know whether you can participate by emailing her at pittsburghlacegroup@gmail.com.

*****SAVE THESE 2018 DATES*****

ANNUAL MEETING – April 7, 2018 – 10 AM

April 7, 2018, will be the Annual Meeting and election of officers. This year it is Secretary and Vice President. Please let Joanie know if you are willing to serve. Duties can be found in the By-Laws, which are posted on the website.

HUNGARIAN LACE WORKSHOP WITH LOUISE COLGAN –May 4-7, 2018

May 4, 5, 6, and 7, 2018, Louise Colgan will be teaching Hungarian Lace. The workshop will begin in the afternoon on Friday the 4th and end around noon on Monday the 7th. More details will follow.

FALL LACE WORKSHOP WITH MARIA PROVENCHER – September 14-16, 2018
More details will be provided in the future.

*****2018 DUES ARE DUE*****



As Frank Sinatra would say, "Dues be dues be due."

Dues are \$15.00 annually. Please make checks payable to "Pittsburgh Lace Group" and send to Theresa Troyan, 1507 Wolf Avenue, Braddock, PA 15104. Please include any changes of address, email or phone number. Or even birthday if you are adventurous.

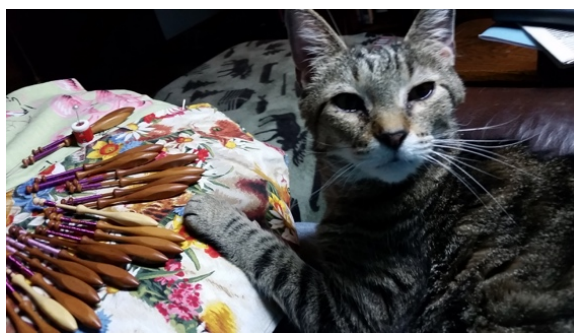
*****MEETING CANCELLATIONS*****

There will be no lace at the Church on the following Thursday nights:

November 23rd (Thanksgiving)

December 21st (Getting ready for Christmas)

December 28th (Recovering from Christmas!)



This is Gracie.

Gracie will try to convince you to trade bobbins for cat treats.
Gracie will offer to finish your unfinished lace projects for cat treats.
Gracie will promise anything for cat treats. Don't fall for Gracie's tricks.
But if you've actually read this newsletter,
Send us an email and put "Gracie" in the subject line.

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